

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 13, 2003

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF JACKSON ENERGY
AUTHORITY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

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**DOCKET NO.
03-00438**

**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

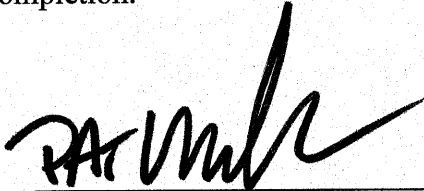
This matter came before Director Pat Miller, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 4, 2003 for consideration of an Application filed by Jackson Energy Authority ("JEA") on July 15, 2003. The Application requests that the TRA grant JEA authority to provide facilities based telecommunications services as a carriers' carrier within Madison County, Tennessee.

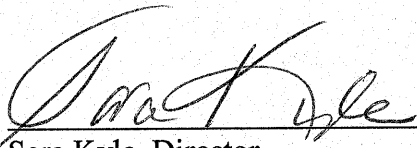
On July 18, 2003, Aeneas Communications, LLC ("Aeneas") filed a *Petition to Intervene* ("*Petition*") in this docket. In its *Petition* Aeneas states that it has a legal interest in insuring that JEA complies with the statutes, rules and orders of the TRA.

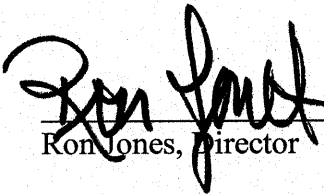
During the August 4, 2003 Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to appoint the General Counsel or his designee to act as the Hearing Officer in this proceeding to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing, to rule on any petition(s) for intervention, and to set a procedural schedule to completion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The General Counsel or his designee is appointed Hearing Officer in this matter to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing, to rule on any petition(s) for intervention, and to set a procedural schedule to completion.



Pat Miller, Director

Sara Kyle, Director

Ron Jones, Director